

**REMARKS**

This is a preliminary amendment in which a minor grammatical error in claim 8 has been corrected. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

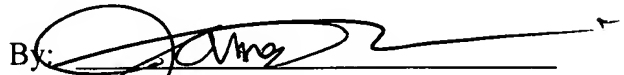
I hereby certify that this document is being placed in the United States mail with first-class postage attached, addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 2, 2004.



Attorney Docket No.: S1022.81073US00

Respectfully submitted,

*Marty et al., Applicants*

By: 

James H. Morris

Reg. No.: 34,681

WOLF, GREENFIELD & SACKS, P.C.

600 Atlantic Avenue

Boston, Massachusetts 02210

Tel. (617) 720-3500